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## Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

09/841,358

**Applicant(s)**

WIEDEMAN ET AL.

**Examiner**

Farhood Moslehi

**Art Unit**

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 April 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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**DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-18 are presented for examination.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rothblatt (6,105,060) in view of Blum et al. (6,182,141) (hereinafter Blum).
4. As per claim 1, Rothblatt teaches a mobile satellite telecommunications system, comprising:

At least one user terminal (e.g. Abstract);

At least one satellite in earth orbit (e.g. Abstract; and at least one gateway bi-directional coupled to a data communications network (e.g. col. 3, lines 40-45); Rothblatt Further teaches a message from a one user terminal via said at least one satellite (e.g. col. 2, lines 43-55). Rothblatt does not specifically teach said at least one gateway comprising a controller for initiating a Domain Name Service (DNS) query in response to a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) received in a message. Blum teaches said at least one gateway comprising a controller for initiating a Domain Name Service (DNS) query in response to a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) received in a message. (e.g. col. 3, lines 20-25). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to combine Rothblatt with Blum. The motivation would have been to provide name resolution for the satellite link.

5. As per claim 9, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

6. As per claim 16, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

7. As per claim 2, Rothblatt teaches a mobile satellite telecommunications system and but does not specifically teach further comprising a DNS server that is co-located with said gateway. Blum teaches a DNS server that is co-located with said gateway (e.g. Figure 5). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Rothblatt with Blum. The motivation would have been to provide name resolution for the satellite link.

8. As per claim 3, Rothblatt teaches a mobile satellite telecommunications system, but does not teach wherein said controller receives an Internet Protocol (IP) address in response to said DNS query, and wherein said controller replaces said URL with said IP address and forwards said message to a destination server identified by said IP address (e.g. col. 3, lines 20-30). ). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Rothblatt with Blum. The motivation would have been to provide name resolution for the satellite link.

9. As per claim 10, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

10. As per claim 4, Rothblatt does not specifically teach a mobile satellite telecommunications system wherein said at least one satellite is in a non-geosynchronous orbit. Blum teaches a mobile satellite telecommunications system wherein said at least one satellite is in a non-geosynchronous orbit (e.g. Abstract). It

would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Rothblatt with Blum. The motivation would have been to provide data communications with a non-geosynchronous satellite system.

11. As per claim 11, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

12. As per claim 5, Rothblatt does not specifically teach a mobile satellite telecommunications system wherein said at least one satellite comprises an on-board processor (OBP) that is responsive to said URL for selecting a gateway and for routing said message to said selected gateway. Blum teaches a mobile satellite telecommunications system wherein said at least one satellite comprises an on-board processor (OBP) that is responsive to said URL for selecting a gateway and for routing said message to said selected gateway (e.g. col. 12, lines 50-55). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Rothblatt with Blum. The motivation would have been to provide data communications with a non-geosynchronous satellite system.

13. As per claim 12, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

14. As per claim 6, Rothblatt does not specifically teach a mobile satellite telecommunications system wherein said satellite comprises at least one inter-satellite link (ISL) transceiver for routing said message through at least one further satellite. Blum teaches a mobile satellite telecommunications system wherein said satellite comprises at least one inter-satellite link (ISL) transceiver for routing said message through at least one further satellite (e.g. col. 3, lines 45-50). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine

Rothblatt with Blum. The motivation would have been to provide data communications with a non-geosynchronous satellite system.

15. As per claim 13, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

16. As per claim 18, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

17. As per claim 7, Rothblatt does not specifically teach a mobile satellite telecommunications system wherein said OBP is responsive to a portion of said URL that identifies a geographical region where a destination server identified by said URL is located, and operates to initiate a routing of said message to a gateway that serves said identified geographical region. Blum teaches a mobile satellite telecommunications system wherein said OBP is responsive to a portion of said URL that identifies a geographical region where a destination server identified by said URL is located, and operates to initiate a routing of said message to a gateway that serves said identified geographical region (e.g. col. 6, lines 37-50). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Rothblatt with Blum. The motivation would have been to provide data communications with a non-geosynchronous satellite system.

18. As per claim 8, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

19. As per claim 14, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

20. As per claim 15, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.

21. As per claim 17, it is rejected for similar reasons as stated above.


**Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Farhood Moslehi whose telephone number is 703-305-8646. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on 703-305-8498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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